



Michigan SBV Assistance Project

Small Business Voucher (SBV) Pilot Michigan Company Cost Share Matching Funds

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) is funding up to \$20 million worth of vouchers to eligible small businesses under the Small Business Vouchers (SBV) Pilot program to help advance the clean energy economy (see <https://www.sbv.org/a/pages/pilot>). These vouchers allow small businesses to access world-class researchers, facilities and expertise at participating DOE national laboratories across the country. The Michigan Energy Office (MEO) is providing matching funds for eligible Michigan businesses to partially cover the SBV Pilot program cost share requirement. Applications for the matching funds are due by **October 16, 2015**.

How much funding is available for the national SBV Pilot program?

Up to \$20 million in funding is available as vouchers under the SBV Pilot program to give eligible small businesses access to the unique capabilities and resources that exist at the DOE national laboratories. The funding is in nine technical areas: advanced manufacturing, wind power, water power, solar power, biofuels, fuel cells, geothermal, buildings, and vehicles. Individual vouchers will be worth between \$50,000 and up to \$300,000. A 20% cost share of the total project cost is required, which can be in-kind.

How much funding is available through MEO for SBV cost share support?

Up to \$200,000 in matching funds is available from the Michigan Energy Office (MEO) as cost share support for eligible Michigan businesses to partially cover the SBV Pilot program cost share requirement. The MEO requires a dollar for dollar match for the cost share support, with individual awards not to exceed \$30,000 per Michigan company. MEO allowable expenses for cost share support include design, engineering, prototyping, testing, equipment shipping to national labs, contracted services, etc. directly associated with SBV Pilot project costs. MEO cost share expenses that are not allowable include food, travel, lodging, per diems, and entertainment.

Who is eligible for the national SBV Pilot program?

For-profit businesses with no more than 500 full-time-equivalent employees worldwide are eligible for the SBV Pilot program. Businesses must be U.S.-based and U.S.-owned. Additional requirements of the SBV Pilot program are detailed in the U.S. DOE National Laboratory Network Notice of Opportunity: SBV Request for Assistance, which is available at <https://www.sbv.org/community-library/accounts/92/925112/Notice-of-Opportunity-SBV-Request-for-Assistance-RFA.pdf>

Who is eligible for the MEO cost share support?

Applicants for the SBV Pilot program that are Michigan based companies located in Michigan are eligible to apply for the MEO cost share support. Eligible Michigan companies must be in good standing with the State of Michigan, and products embodying intellectual property developed under MEO cost share support must be substantially manufactured in Michigan.

How do eligible Michigan companies apply for the MEO cost share support?

Eligible Michigan companies interested in applying for the MEO cost share support must use the Michigan SBV Assistance Project Request for Information application. To be considered you must apply by October 16, 2015, which is five (5) business days before the SBV Pilot program request for assistance deadline (October 23, 2015). Applications received by the October 16, 2015 deadline will undergo a merit review process, with approved applicants receiving a Letter of Support indicating the approximate MEO cost share support for the company's SBV Pilot project.

How will Michigan companies receive their MEO cost share support?

Michigan companies that received a Letter of Support for the MEO cost share support will need to enter into a grant agreement with MEO on receiving Notification of Selection under the SBV Pilot program. The grant agreement will be executed on completion of the finalization of statement of work, budget, and cost share requirements of the SBV Pilot program with the DOE.

Will the Letter of Support apply to future SBV Pilot program funding rounds?

No. The MEO Letter of Support received in the current round of SBV Pilot program funding (i.e. round 1) will not apply to future funding rounds. However, MEO may issue another Request for Information for SBV Pilot program cost share support should funds remain uncommitted after executing round 1 grant agreements. See the SBV Pilot program website for dates and deadlines for each funding round: <https://www.sbv.org/a/pages/pilot>